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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

One or more of the following features can also be included. The parameter causes instructions to continue or to abort at any level of the test hierarchy after the event. A test assertion method includes instructions for verifying an expected state of the production code. The test hierarchy can be implemented using an object oriented programming language including at least one of ~~ABAP (advanced business application program language)~~ the ABAP® (Advanced Business Application Programming) programming language, ~~Java~~ JAVA® programming language, C++ programming language, or C#® programming language. The test hierarchy can be implemented using a procedural programming language including at least one of C programming language, FORTRAN programming language and Pascal programming language. The test hierarchy can be implemented in a unit test environment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 of page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

One or more of the following features can also be included. The test assertion can be called with a parameter causing the test execution to continue or to abort at any level of the test hierarchy after the event. A test assertion method can include instructions for verifying an expected state of the production code. The test hierarchy can be implemented using an object oriented programming language including at least one of ~~ABAP (advanced business application program language)~~ the ABAP® (Advanced Business Application Programming) programming language, ~~Java~~ JAVA® programming language, C++ programming language, or C#® programming language. The test hierarchy can be implemented using a procedural programming language including at least one of C programming language, FORTRAN programming language and Pascal programming language. The test hierarchy can be implemented in a unit test environment.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows an example of production source code 14 and test source code 16. The production source code 14 includes software instructions for implementing an application, such as a business program for an enterprise, whereas test source code 16 includes software instructions for testing the production source code 14 in the development environment 32. The example, which is written in ABAP programming language, includes an asterisk (*) for introducing comments in plain test text explaining the code and is disregarded by the compiler. The production source code 14 includes class definition 14a and class implementation 14b. The class definition 14a declares a production method ADD which is defined in the respective class implementation 14b. In this example, the method ADD adds two import parameters A and B and yields the result in an export parameter RESULT.